

## THE BLUFF PENETRATED.

A BLAST SHATTERS THE INTERCEPTING WALL THIS MORNING.

A Characteristic Kansas City Enterprise That Has Been Progressing for Nearly Half a Year—Cars to Be Running Through Early in December.

At 7:30 o'clock this morning occurred an important event in the history of one of Kansas City's characteristic achievements. A heavy blast was fired, in the Eighth street bluff tunnel, which shattered the wall of rock that separated the eastern and western sections.

When the rubble was cleared away from the blast it was found that there was a hole two feet in diameter and the rock, two weeks work in the past, had been penetrated.

It is expected that within a month the tunneling of the railway from the present terminus at the river and through the bluff will begin.

The tunnel is 720 feet long, and thirty feet high. The distance beneath the surface of the city is nearly 100 feet.

The work on the tunnel was begun in December, 1910, and has been progressing steadily ever since. The line of the tunnel is now two feet higher on the side than the surface of the city.

Mr. William Gilliam was the first man to crawl through the opening connecting the two sections of the tunnel.

The work was followed by the celebration of the event with a holiday, leaving no time to keep the big hole from getting away.

## A BROADWAY CABLE LINE.

It May Yet Be Built by Another Company Than the Metropolitan.

The cable line that has for years carried the city's traffic across the river, is now being considered for extension to Broadway.

The county court last winter ordered Captain E. H. Webster, Dr. Joseph Field and a number of other capitalists the right of way to be cut through the city to Broadway.

The men interested were at the time, anxious that the proposed route should not be published until the franchise had been secured.

Some time since, the Metropolitan company applied for a franchise to change the cable line to Broadway.

But the company was unwilling to comply with the extra stipulations of the city council and hence failed to get the franchise.

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## GRADUALLY CIVILIZING O. K.

The Progress of the Sanitary Engineering Operations on the Famous Creek.

The new channel for O. K. creek between Penn street and Broadway will be completed in a few weeks. It will provide a considerable advantage in draining the creek.

The channel was blighted out of solid rock. It was begun in the fall of 1910, and has been progressing steadily ever since.

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## WITH A ROPE OF SHEETS.

FOUR WAYWARD GIRLS ESCAPE FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD HOME.

One of them had gotten out of the institution before and is supposed to have been seen in the city.

Planned the Latest Escape—Who the Girls Are—Other City News.

A daring escape, well planned and very successfully executed by a number of wayward girls, resulted in the escape of four girls from the Good Shepherd home, at 1635 Madison avenue, took place at that institution Tuesday evening. The girls who escaped were:

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## THE PACIFIC COMMISSION.

The Northwest's Progress—Senator Norwood's Explanation.

New York, Sept. 29.—When the Pacific railroad investigation committee assembled yesterday Isaac Gates was called. He said he had been contacted by the Central Pacific and C. P. Huntington long time. He signed all official checks with his own name. Checks were made out to the order of the witnesses. He had to endorse them to make them valid. Some of the vice president had him endorse checks made out to specific officers, which were then turned into cash at once.

Major John P. Foster, collector of the Union Pacific, read a communication from Vice-President John D. Rockefeller, dated September 1, 1910, in which he bore upon the 3,000 miles of branches of the company, the causes of construction, methods of construction, and the financial condition of the commission to the fact that for years there had been persistent calls for an investigation of the road. This commission had been organized. It called on all the world to testify against the road without restriction. The road, knowing that everything was straight, and that the commission was not a body of experts, but a body of laymen, was not surprised.

It was anything else the company could do to make the finding more conclusive, or any further effort to the value of its branch lines, the company would be glad to furnish any information. The commission asked that if the commission's report was to be a body of laymen, it should explain that that body of laymen was not a body of experts.

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